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1. FROM REFTEL IT APPEARS TO US THAT PROBABILITY OF SMITHSONIAN ACTING AS "RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION" FOR AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGISTS IN AFGHANISTAN IS SLIGHT. BUT IF THERE IS STILL CHANCE THAT SMITHSONIAN IS WILLING TO TAKE ON ROLE, AND YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL, VERNER WOULD BE WILLING MEET WITH AUSTRIAN, TROUSDALE AND MAKEPEACE WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON MARCH 3-5.

2. IF SMITHSONIAN CANNOT ACT AS "RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION", CENTER FOR AFGHAN STUDIES MAKES SENSE TO US. GOUTTIERRE'S CONCEPT SEEMS WORKABLE. HOWEVER, AS YOU HAVE NOTED FROM KABUL 1022 AFAMEC ORGANIZATION UNDER REVIEW AND MIGHT NOT BE IN POSITION TO PLAY QUITE AS LARGE A PART AS GOUTTIERRE ENVISIONS. CERTAINLY AFAMEC WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS INCURRED IN HANDLING PROJECTS. WE BELIEVE PROBLEM CAN BE WORKED OUT, IF AN WHEN THE TIME COMES, BUT WANT YOU AND AUSTRIAN TO KEEP THIS IN MIND DURING ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS YOU MAY HAVE WITH GOUTTIERRE.

3. ONCE AFAMEC SITUATION CLEAR, AND ASSUMING SMITHSONIAN REPLY NEGATIVE, THINK NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR GOUTTIERRE TO

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